

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2017

*Holiday Inn Express Conference Room
3170 N Sanders
Helena, MT 59601*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Ms. Noreen Burris called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call. Ms. Burris welcomed new CSPAC member Ms. Angel Turoski from the University of Great Falls representing the Council of Deans.

Council Members present included: Ms. Noreen Burris; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Leanne Yenny; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Angel Turoski; Ms. Sabrina Steketee. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Dr. Linda Vrooman-Peterson, OPI; Ms. Donna Sorensen, MSDB Superintendent; Mr. Hollis Fudge, Great Falls; Mr. Ray Severie, Great Falls; Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair, Board of Public Education; Dr. Tim Tharp, Deputy Superintendent, OPI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Sabrina Steketee.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Rob Watson moved to approve the April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Debbie Hendricks.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Noreen Burris

- **Election of Officers**

Mr. Donovan opened the floor for Nominations for Chair.

Ms. Debbie Hendricks nominated Mr. Kelly Elder as Chair of CSPAC. Ms. Sabrina Steketee seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Donovan opened the floor for Nominations for Vice Chair.

Ms. Debbie Hendricks nominated Ms. Noreen Burris as Vice Chair of CSPAC. Ms. Sabrina Steketee seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Committee Appointments**
Ms. Burris noted that Mr. Elder will be making selections for committee appointments and asked if anyone had committees they wanted to be on or to change that she would forward to Mr. Elder. Ms. Turoski noted that she would like to be on the Pre-Professional Preparation and Development Committee.
- **Set 2017-2018 Calendar**
Tentative dates will be set to be confirmed with Mr. Elder upon his return. October dates for the Joint meeting with the Council of Deans are set for October 5-6th, then tentative dates of: February 7th, April 18th, and July 11, 2018.
- **Goal Setting**
Goal 2 – possible review of Chapter 57
Goal 5(d) – Graduation Matters Montana is listed and that program no longer exists. Goals will be updated and finalized at the October meeting.
- **Annual Report Review**
The Council reviewed the 2016 Annual Report for presentation to the Board of Public Education in the afternoon.
- **Planning for Joint BPE/CSPAC Meeting**
Ms. Burris will present the Annual Report to the Board of Public Education and review the past year.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reported to the Council the recent hearing he and Ms. Stockton attended before the Legislative Audit Committee to present the results of the 2016 Board audit. Mr. Donovan also spoke about his attendance at the Evening of Excellence Dinner for Administrators, and the Interim Education Committee meeting. Mr. Donovan reviewed the upcoming presentation at the meeting regarding licensure for Teachers of the Deaf to speak to the Council about what other states have done regarding this issue. Mr. Donovan announced the appointment of Scott Stearns to the Board of Public Education. Dr. Watson asked what the intent of the Education Interim Committee is regarding Special Education funding. Mr. Donovan discussed this issue, and Dr. Tim Tharp, OPI, also weighed in, but both noted that specifics are not available now.

ITEM 3 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORESMENT OPTIONS – Mr. Pete Donovan, Dr. Rob Watson

Dr. Watson reviewed for the Council discussions that have taken place since the April 19th, CSPAC meeting regarding possible Computer Science Endorsement options for current and future teachers. Mr. Donovan and Dr. Watson have had discussions with Bozeman teachers and with OPI Staff. Dr. Watson discussed barriers for computer coding options for students as well as for teachers and reviewed how one of his current teachers became trained to teach coding. Dr. Watson discussed the new Educator Rising program to get high school students interested in becoming a teacher, which is like an FFA type of group. This is a national movement but new to Montana with only the Great Falls school district offering an entry level education course, EDU101. Going forward, Dr. Watson discussed continuing to work with OPI staff, mainly Mr. TJ Eyer, to begin looking at the rule and how this could be incorporated, and that involvement of the Education partners is also important. BPE Chair Sharon Carroll also weighed in on this discussion.

ITEM 4 LICENSURE FOR TEACHERS OF THE DEAF – Donna Sorensen, MSDB Superintendent

Ms. Sorensen, Superintendent of the MSDB, reviewed the purpose and mission of the MSDB for the Council members. Ms. Sorensen then discussed the Chapter 57 changes that gave flexibility in hiring Visual Impairment teachers and distributed a document that lists state by state, how other states handle their licensure for teachers of the deaf. Ms. Sorensen introduced Mr. Ray Severie, and Mr. Hollis Fudge, to present their request to the Council to list American Sign Language (ASL) as an approved World Language such as Latin or French. 43 of 50 states

recognize ASL as a World Language and teachers would have to be certified to teach ASL. American Universities who prepare teachers to teach ASL were researched, but in Montana, only the University of Montana offers some courses in teaching ASL, none of which lead to a degree. If ASL were recognized as a World Language, the UM may then be able to expand their current program into a program which could lead to a teaching degree in ASL. Dr. Watson asked about students receiving credit for taking ASL as a World Language, “Do these courses count for the 2-year World language requirement for University admissions?”. The University of Montana has accepted ASL as a World Language, and other colleges do the same. Ms. Steketee asked what the background was on why the state does not accept ASL as a World Language. Mr. Severie noted that a resolution was passed by a previous Legislature but nothing became of it. Ms. Hendricks noted that as a Latin teacher they have wanted ASL to be recognized as a World Language for years but it has always come down to funding. Dr. Linda Peterson also spoke to this topic. Ms. Burris asked what the next steps would be? Dr. Peterson noted that the list of World Languages is contained in the Chapter 55 appendices, and Mr. Donovan asked who makes that list in the and if that list is revised through ARM rule change, or some other way? Dr. Peterson noted that BPE approval via the ARM rule process would be required to add a new language to the list of World Languages. Ms. Steketee asked for a copy of the 1995 Legislative Resolution and Mr. Severie will provide that to Mr. Donovan.

ACTION

Dr. Rob Watson moved that the Council consider this topic and to request a report from OPI at October meeting. Ms. Sabrina Steketee seconded the motion.

Dr. Tharp discussed that ARM rule change may or may not be necessary, but the challenge in Montana would be finding teachers, though the Digital Academy would be an option.

Ms. Burris restated the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Ms. Burris thanked the presenters for travelling from Great Falls and that they are welcome to attend the October 5-6 meeting.

DISCUSSION

ITEM 5 REPORT ON ACCREDITATION SITE VISITS @ MSU-NORTHERN, MSU-BILLINGS – Dr. Linda Peterson

Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI, presented the onsite Accreditation Visit reports for MSU-Northern and MSU-Billings. Dr. Peterson explained how the onsite visits work and how they coincide with the national accreditation review. Dr. Peterson briefly reviewed each of the reports for the Council and answered questions.

ITEM 6 CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Kris Thatcher

20 Class 8 license applications were reviewed by the Council. Mr. Donovan briefly explained the reason behind the Class 8 licenses and what they are used for in the Dual Enrollment process. Clarifications were made for Council members. The Council approved 16 applications, disapproved 3 applications, and returned 1 application for more information. Ms. Thatcher noted that upon Council member request, copies of transcripts will be provided in future application packets, and the endorsement list will be updated as well.

ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Action on revised Goals
OPI Report on World Languages for ASL
Ongoing discussion on Computer Coding

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM

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